

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the Application. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Applicants have responded to each notation by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Amendments

Applicants believe that the amendments place the case in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal, do not raise the issue of new matter, and do not present new issues requiring further consideration or search. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments.

Claims 1, 15, 29, and 43 have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in any continuation application.

Allowed Claims

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 9, 23, 37, 44 and 45.

Section 102 and 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e): Claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17-21, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31-35, 38, 40, and 41 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,400,804 to Bilder ("*Bilder*"). The Examiner rejects under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a): Claims 2, 16, and 30 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,400,804 to Bilder ("*Bilder*") in light of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0128192 to Paluszek et al. ("*Paluszek*"); Claims 14, 28, and 42 as being unpatentable over *Bilder*; and Claims 8, 11, 22, 25, 36, 39, and 43 as being unpatentable over *Bilder* in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0112927 to Brown et al. ("*Brown*"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons discussed below.

Independent Claims 9, 23, 37, 44 and 45 are allowed. Thus, dependent Claims 2-8, 10-14, 16-22, 24-28, 30-36, and 36-42 are also allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of these dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Keiko Ichiye, the Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6494.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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